



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 301

February Session, 2016

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**AN ACT MODIFYING THE STANDARD FOR MANDATORY
REPORTING OF ENVIRONMENTAL SPILLS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-450 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 [The] (a) Until the commissioner adopts the regulations required
4 under subsection (c) of this section, the master of any ship, boat, barge
5 or other vessel, or the person in charge of any terminal for the loading
6 or unloading of any oil or petroleum or chemical liquids or solid,
7 liquid or gaseous products, or hazardous wastes, or the person in
8 charge of any establishment, or the operator of any vehicle, trailer or
9 other machine which by accident, negligence or otherwise causes the
10 discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration of oil or
11 petroleum or chemical liquids or solid, liquid or gaseous products, or
12 hazardous wastes which poses a potential threat to human health or
13 the environment, shall immediately report such discharge, spillage,
14 uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration to the commissioner. [such facts
15 as the commissioner by regulation may require.] Any such report shall
16 include, but not be limited to, the location, the quantity and the type of
17 substance, material or waste, the date and the cause of the discharge,
18 spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration, the name and address
19 of the owner of the ship, boat, barge or other vessel, terminal,

20 establishment, vehicle, trailer or machine, and the name and address of
 21 the person making the report and his or her relationship to the owner.
 22 Any person who fails to make a report required by this section may be
 23 fined not more than one thousand dollars and the employer of such
 24 person may be fined not more than five thousand dollars, except that
 25 any person who fails to make a report relating to the discharge,
 26 spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration of gasoline shall be
 27 fined not more than five thousand dollars and the employer of such
 28 person may be fined not more than ten thousand dollars.

29 (b) On and after the date the commissioner adopts regulations
 30 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, the report described in
 31 subsection (a) of this section shall be required whenever the discharge,
 32 spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration (1) poses a potential
 33 threat to human health or the environment, and (2) exceeds the
 34 applicable threshold adopted by the commissioner pursuant to
 35 subsection (c) of this section.

36 (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
 37 the provisions of chapter 54, to define the threshold amounts for
 38 discharges, spillages, uncontrolled losses, seepages or filtrations that
 39 shall be reported to the commissioner pursuant to this section. Such
 40 threshold amounts shall be defined in units of weight for solid
 41 products and in units of volume for liquid and gaseous products. Such
 42 regulations may include the specification of any facts, in addition to
 43 those specified in subsection (a) of this section, that shall be included
 44 in any report submitted under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2016	22a-450
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